

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/772,604  
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Applicant: Jason R. Kolodziej  
Group Art Unit: 1745  
Examiner: Raymond Alejandro  
Title: RECURSIVE KALMAN FILTER FOR FEEDBACK  
FLOW CONTROL IN PEM FUEL CELL  
Attorney Docket: 8540G-000219

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2007, concerning the above-caption application. The period for response to this Office Action extends until April 1, 2007.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 in the present application to one of the following inventions:

Group I – Claims 1-9 and 18-22 drawn to fuel cell systems, in class 429/22; and

Group II – Claims 10-17 and 23-26 drawn to method of operating a fuel cell system and/or a method for catalytically reacting a feed stream in a fuel cell, in class 429/13.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group II directed to the methods recited in Claims 10-17 and 23-26. Applicants make this election without prejudice to filing one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected group. Applicants will cancel the claims directed to the non-elected group when an indication of allowance of the elected group is received.

Accordingly, it is believed that the outstanding Office Action has been fully complied with herein. If the Examiner has any questions or would like to personally discuss this application, she is invited to contact either of the undersigned attorneys at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 29, 2007

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